



Oct. 21, 2018

Church of Christ
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Schedule of Services:

Greeting: Tom

Song Leader: Mark

Opening Hymn:

Opening Prayer:

Dale

Hymn:

Scripture Reading:

Larry

Hymn:

Lord's Supper:

Ray & Ron

Hymn:

Sermon: Tom

Invitation Hymn:

Closing Hymn:

Closing Prayer:

Robert



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Pocketbook, Party, or Principles?

By Joe Slater

November 6 is election day. Maybe you think you've heard more than you want to hear about it already. But God's word sheds some needed light: "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice, but when a wicked man rules, the people groan" (Prov. 29:2). "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

In some cases, calling any candidate a "righteous" person might require quite a stretch! It's easy to become a cynic and say, "Politicians! They're all the same!" But sometimes clear differences exist; it is our privilege and duty to prayerfully and carefully decide for whom we will vote. What criteria should we use?

Some people vote their pocketbooks. That philosophy says: "I will support whichever candidate will do the most to increase my personal material wealth." Others vote their party. While parties may not receive the loyalty they did in the past, there are still those who would vote for the devil himself rather than support someone in another party!

There are, of course, legitimate economic concerns; and even party affiliation may play a valid role in our decisions. But shouldn't Christians be concerned about greater things than these? What about our principles?

Since one of the God-given duties of civil government is to promote what is good and to punish evildoers (Rom. 13:3), it behooves us to determine where the various candidates stand on important issues. What values do they embrace? What, according to them, is "good" and what is "evil"? How do their positions square with the Scriptures? Many specific examples could be listed, but some obvious and outstanding ones are abortion, homosexuality, and drugs. The moral fabric of our nation is being torn to shreds, and Christians who ignore moral principles in the voting booth bear some of the responsibility.

Economic concerns are not unrelated to morality. God has been, is now, and always will be in control of the welfare of nations. It is He who gives the power to obtain wealth (Deut. 8:18). Not even the most brilliant economic policy can succeed without God's blessings (see Haggai 1:1-11).

Let us be clear: government cannot save us. A righteous nation will not be legislated into existence. Civil authorities can, however, promote what is good and help to provide a decent environment in which to live. Christians can exercise their influence as the "salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13) by supporting candidates of high moral standards.

Joe Slater; via the weekly bulletin of the church of Christ in Harrisburg, IL.

PRAYER LIST

- *Audrey's friend Adain has been in the hospital.
- *Cindy was having health issues last week and was unable to be with us.
- *Larry is under a doctor's care for back pain
- *Gary and Cindy's daughter, Lisa Marie, is doing very well.
- *Pat's second surgery went well.
- *Dale, his friend Jimmy, his mother and his cousin Jayna and her family.
- *Juanita, her sons, Dale and Ron and her daughter, Debbie.
- *Ray, Rebecca, and Steven.
- *Our congregation
- *Our Veterans
- *Our Nation

CALENDAR

- Oct. 21—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- Oct. 21—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Oct. 24—Bible Study 7pm Rob
- Oct. 27—b. Gary
- Oct. 28—Bible Study 10 am
Mark
- Oct. 28—Worship 11 am & 6 pm
Speaker: Tom
- Oct. 28—b. Larry
- Oct. 31—Bible Study 7pm Rob
- Nov. 4—Daylight Savings Time
Ends
- Nov. 4—Bible Study 10 am
Mark

Answers to Puzzle: There is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

Scripture Reference: Matthew 16:13-20

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Quiet service can sound very loud.

SUNDAY: Bible Class — 10:00 am; Worship — 11:00 am; Evening — 6:00 pm

Wednesday Evening — 7:00 pm

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